

PS2370: Research Topics in the Political Economy of Development

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This course is designed to expose Ph.D. students to contemporary research on the political economy of development. The course is loosely organized in two parts. The first part (through week 6) explores the origins of strong states and democratic political institutions and examines their role in facilitating development. The second part of the course examines the role of factors thought to contribute to state and political failure, including ethnic divisions, clientelism, natural resource wealth, and bureaucratic corruption. We then study conflict as an extreme example of state and political failure as well as strategies for transitions to peace. We conclude by considering the role of foreign aid in facilitating the emergence of strong, peaceful, and democratic states in developing countries.

While we will read some seminal works for background, we will focus primarily on cutting-edge research in political science, economics, psychology, and other disciplines. The main goals of the course are to introduce you to the theoretical and empirical frontiers in the field; to provide an overview of the range of methodological approaches used; and to prepare those who are interested to conduct their own research on this subject. Our interest is in understanding the major themes and subjects in the political economy of development rather than specific countries or regions, although our inquiry will take us to virtually every continent.

PREREQUISITES

There are no formal prerequisites for this course, although it is strongly recommended that students have previously taken a graduate-level research methods or statistics course. Previous exposure to methods for causal inference will also be very helpful, as will at least one semester of formal theory.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

You have two options for the set of requirements that you need to fulfill as part of this course. **Option 1** is for students who want to focus on research design and building basic skills. This is the appropriate option for students who are encountering this material for the first time or who are keen to improve foundational skills. **Option 2** is for advanced students who are prepared to work independently and would like to have a polished research paper by the end of the course. This option is especially appropriate for students who are taking this course after completing 3014/PS 2374 offered in GSPIA. Please notify me by **Tuesday, January 23** of your decision.

Option 1

- **Participation (10%):** Attendance and active participation at weekly seminars is mandatory. Our weekly meetings will focus on in-depth discussions of the required readings. There will typically be about 4-5 readings each week. You should read these papers thoroughly and critically and come to class prepared to discuss. Your goal should be to understand the main contributions of the individual pieces as well as how they relate to one another (within a topic and across topics).

- **Research prospectus (35%):** The main assignment for this course is a research prospectus (about 10-15 pages) that is essentially a proposal for a research project and is designed to prepare you to write a funding proposal, dissertation proposal, or MA paper. As with any proposal, you want to identify a puzzle in the literature; explain why this is an important puzzle to research; present preliminary hypotheses; outline an empirical strategy; and (if possible) present supporting analysis. You should focus on a topic that interests you, without worry for whether the data can be obtained by the end of the course; you are not required to have accessed or produced the data.

I will randomly assign you to two groups for the purpose of submitting your prospectuses and workshopping the prospectuses in-class. Group I will submit their prospectus to the whole class by **Friday, April 6** and each person will prepare a 15 minute in-class presentation for **Tuesday, April 10**. Group II will submit their prospectus to the whole class by **Friday, April 13** and will present on **Tuesday, April 17**. The final (revised) draft of the prospectus is due for everyone on **Tuesday, April 24**.

- **Referee reports (15%):** In addition to writing your own research prospectus, you will be writing referee reports on others' prospectuses. The purpose of these reports is to provide constructive feedback on the overall proposal. Not only is this meant to be helpful to your classmates, it is also designed to give you an opportunity to practice the very valuable skill of constructive criticism. You will be writing a referee report for two classmates. I will assign those in Group II to write reports for two individuals in Group I. Those reports will be due on **Friday, April 13**. I will assign those in Group I to write reports for two individuals in Group II, due by **Friday, April 20**.

While the research prospectus and referee reports are the main assignments of the class and you should plan on investing enough time to do these well, there are three additional assignments that are meant to help you engage with the literature and prepare for the above.

- **Discussion leader (10%):** You will each be assigned to co-lead (with me) one of the weekly discussions during the course of the semester. Your role will be to pose questions to the class to ensure comprehension of each of the assigned readings for the week and to raise questions that bring out connections between the readings (and topics). On the week that you co-lead, you should plan on sending me a draft list of discussion questions by **Monday 7:00 am** to facilitate coordination. My role during these weeks will be to provide context for the readings, to review methods for the more technical papers, and to help guide the discussion. The purpose of this assignment is to get you to engage the literature in depth while practicing your abilities to identify the key takeaways and connections, which is a valuable skill for developing your research prospectus and for your future teaching. We will start co-leading in **Week 4 (January 30)**.
- **Response paper (15%):** During the semester, you will write one response papers on a topic of your choosing (this can be on the same topic for which you are a discussion co-leader). The goal of the response papers is to identify a puzzle, debate, or gap in the literature on the subject that you could use as a basis for your research prospectus. For the response paper I expect you do dig into the recommended readings to deepen your awareness of the state of the literature on your selected topic. These papers should be short (4-5 pages max). Your response paper should be submitted **before class on the day of the discussion**; the last day to submit is **Tuesday, April 3**.
- **Replication assignment (15%):** During the semester, you will conduct one replication (with extension) of an article. The purpose of this assignment is to give you a chance to work with the kinds of data and methods that you might want to employ in your own research prospectus. You will select a paper from the syllabus (or a relevant paper of your choosing) for which there is also data available for replication (meaning that the data and code is publicly available on the author's website or a data repository). I will

provide further guidelines on how to approach replication with selection. The replication assignment is **due before class on the day of the discussion**; the last day that you can submit is April 3.

Option 2

For this option you will be expected to fulfill the **participation (10%)** and **referee report (15%)** requirements as described above. In addition to that, you will be expected to write a **full research paper (75%)** on a topic of your choosing. Your research paper should: motivate the research question, present the theory or hypotheses for testing, describe the identification or empirical strategy, perform the data analysis and discuss the results, and specify the overall contribution of the paper to the literature. You will be randomly assigned to Group I or II and should plan to submit a draft of your paper to the class and do the presentation along with your group. The final draft of your paper will be due on **Tuesday, April 24**. Before taking this option, you should meet with me to discuss to make sure this is the appropriate choice and you should also plan on meeting with me once during the semester to discuss your progress.

READINGS

All students are expected to do the required readings (denoted with an asterisk *) before class. You should read these papers thoroughly and critically and come to class prepared to discuss theory, empirics, contributions, and relations to one another. For each week, there are a number of additional recommended readings. You should use this as a reference for topics of particular interest for you. This list also contains papers that you can use for further readings for your response papers.

Several readings on this list are quite challenging and might expose you to approaches that you have not previously encountered in-depth. We will spend a fair amount of time discussing the empirical analysis in these papers so do your best while reading them. At the end of the syllabus is a list of recommended methods readings that you can refer to throughout the course to learn more about these methods. While I will provide short methods lectures in the weeks they are introduced, you should also plan to work independently to try to understand this material.

Most of the readings are articles that can be found online and are available for free. Book chapters that are required reading will be posted online on CourseWeb.

SCHEDULE OVERVIEW

Below is a summary of the schedule for the semester. Please note dates that we will not have class as well as well as due dates for assignments.

- **Week 1 [Jan 9]:** What is development and how do we study it?
- **Week 2 [Jan 16]:** Historical legacies
- **Week 3 [Jan 23]:** States – *Notify me of your grading option choice*
- **Week 4 [Jan 30]:** Democracy and development – *Start of co-lead discussions*
- **Week 5 [Feb 6]:** What causes democracy?
- **Week 6 [Feb 13]:** Political failure
- **Week 7 [Feb 20]:** Ethnic politics
- **Week 8 [Feb 27]:** Clientelism
- **Tuesday, March 6:** *No class (Spring Break)*
- **Week 9 [Mar 13]:** Natural resources
- **Week 10 [Mar 20]:** Corruption and bureaucratic performance
- **Week 11 [Mar 27]:** Conflict and post-conflict reintegration
- **Week 12 [Apr 3]:** Aid – *Last day to submit response papers and replication reports.*
- **Friday, Apr 6:** *Group I prospectuses due*
- **Week 13 [Apr 10]:** Group I presentations
- **Friday, Apr 13:** *Referee reports for Group I due, Group II research prospectuses due*
- **Week 14 [Apr 17]:** Group II presentations
- **Friday, Apr 20:** *Referee reports for Group II due*
- **Tuesday, Apr 24:** *Final research prospectus/papers due*

SCHEDULE OF READINGS

Week 1 [Jan 9]: What is development and how do we study it?

Conceptualizing (and measuring) development

- *Acemoglu, Daron. 2008. *Introduction to Modern Economic Growth*: Chapter 1 (pp. 3-27).
- *Sen, Amartya. 1999. *Development as Freedom*. Chapters 1-2 (pp. 13-53).

Macro-historical vs. micro approaches

- *Banerjee, Abhijit and Esther Duflo. 2012. *Poor Economics: A radical rethinking of the way to fight global poverty*. Public Affairs. Chapter 10: 235-265.

The causal inference revolution (and its critics)

- *Humphreys, Macartan and Jeremy Weinstein. 2009. "Field Experiments and the Political Economy of Development" *Annual Review of Political Science* 12(1): 367-378.
- *Deaton, Angus. 2010. "Instruments, Randomization, and Learning about Development" *Journal of Economic Literature* 48(2): 424-455.

RECOMMENDED

- Banerjee, Abhijit and Esther Duflo. 2009. "The Experimental Approach to Development Economics," *The Annual Review of Economics*, pp. 151-178.
- Deaton, Angus. 2005. "Measuring Poverty in a Growing World (Or Measuring Growth in a Poor World)" *Review of Economics and Statistics* 87(1): 1-19.
- Dunning, Thad. 2012. *Natural Experiments in the Social Sciences*, Cambridge University Press: Chapter 1 (pp. 1-38).
- Imbens, Guido. 2010. "Better LATE than Nothing: Some Comments on Deaton (2009) and Heckman and Urzua (2009)," *Journal of Economic Literature* 48(2): 399-423.
- Pritchett, Lant. 1997. "Divergence, Big Time" *The Journal of Economic Perspectives* 11(3): 3-17.

Week 2 [Jan 16]: Historical legacies

- *Pierson, Paul. 2000. "Increasing returns, path dependence, and the study of politics" *American Political Science Review* 94(2): 251-267.
- *Kuran, Timur. 2003. "The Islamic Commercial Crisis: Institutional Roots of Economic Underdevelopment in the Middle East," *Journal of Economic History* 63(2): 414-446.
- *Acemoglu and Robinson. 2001. "The Colonial Origins of Comparative Development: An Empirical Investigation" *American Economic Review* 91: 1369-1401.

- *Nunn, Nathan. 2008. "The Long-Term Effects of Africa's Slave Trades," *The Quarterly Journal of Economics* 123(1): 139-176.
- *[Dell, Melissa and Nathan Lane and Pablo Querubin. 2017. "The Historical State, Local Collective Action, and Economic Development in Vietnam" working paper.](#)

RECOMMENDED

- Acemoglu, Daron and Simon Johnson and James Robinson. 2005. "Institutions as a Fundamental Cause of Long-Run Growth," *Handbook of Economic Growth*: 385-472.
- Acemoglu, Daron Simon Johnson, and James A. Robinson. 2002. "Reversal of Fortune: Geography and Institutions in the Making of the Modern World Income Distribution," *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, 117(4): 1231-1294.
- Banerjee, Abhijit and Lakshmi Iyer. 2005. "History, Institutions, and Economic Performance: The Legacy of the Colonial Land Tenure System in India" *American Economic Review* 95(4): 1190-1213.
- Banerjee, Abhijit, Lakshmi Iyer and Rohini Somanathan. 2005. "History, Social Divisions and Public Goods in Rural India," *Journal of the European Economic Association* 3: 639-647.
- Dell, Melissa. 2010. "The Persistent Effects of Peru's Mining Mita," *Econometrica* 78(6): 1863-1903.
- Engerman, Stanley and Kenneth Sokoloff. 2008. "Debating the Role of Institutions in Political and Economic Development: Theory, History, and Findings" *Annual Review of Political Science* 11: 119-135.
- Hariri, Jacob Gerner. 2012. "The Autocratic Legacy of Early Statehood" *American Political Science Review* 106: 471-494.
- Huillery, Elise. 2009. "History Matters: The Long-Term Impact of Colonial Public Investments in French West Africa" *American Economic Journal: Applied Economics* 1(2): 176-215.
- Iyer, Lakshmi. 2010. "Direct versus Indirect Colonial Rule in India: Long-Term Consequences" *The Review of Economics and Statistics* 92(4): 693-713.
- Mahoney, James. 2001. "Path-dependent explanations of regime change" *Studies in Comparative International Development* 36(1): 111-41.
- Michalopoulos, Stelios and Elias Papaioannou. 2013. "Pre-Colonial Ethnic Institutions and Contemporary African Development" *Econometrica* 81(1).
- North, Douglass. 1990. *Institutions, Institutional Change, and Economic Performance*. Cambridge University Press.
- Nunn, Nathan. 2009. "The Importance of History for Economic Development," *Annual Review of Economics* 1(1): 65-92.
- Nunn, Nathan and Leonard Wantchekon. 2011. "The Slave Trade and the Origins of Mistrust in Africa" *American Economic Review* 101(7): 3221-3252.

Week 3 [Jan 23]: States

- *Tilly, Charles. 1990. *Coercion, Capital and European States, AD 990-1992* (especially 67-95).
- *North, Douglass and Barry Weingast. 1989. "Constitutions and Commitment: The Evolution of Institutions Governing Public Choice in Seventeenth Century England," *The Journal of Economic History* XLIX(4): 803-832.
- *Herbst, Jeffrey. *States and Power in Africa: Comparative Lessons in Authority and Control*. Princeton University Press (especially 3-58).
- *Centeno, Miguel Angel. 1997. "Blood and Debt: War and Taxation in Nineteenth-Century Latin America" *The American Journal of Sociology* 102 (6): 1565-1605. (*skim*).
- *Jonathan Weigel. 2017. "Building State and Citizen: How Tax Collection in Congo Engenders Citizen Engagement with the State" (*job market paper*).

RECOMMENDED

- Acemoglu, Daron and James Robinson and Rafael Santos. 2013. "The Monopoly of Violence: Evidence from Colombia," *Journal of the European Economic Association* 11: 5-44.
- Acemoglu, Daron and C. Garcia-Jimeno and James Robinson. 2015. "State Capacity and Economic Development: A Network Approach" *American Economic Review* 105(8): 2364-2409.
- Banerjee, Abhijit and Esther Duflo. 2014. "Under the Thumb of History? Political Institutions and the Scope for Action," *Annual Review of Economics* 6: 951-971.
- Bates, Robert. 2008. "State Failure," *Annual Review of Political Science* 11: 1-12.
- Besley, Timothy and Torsten Persson. 2009. "The Origins of State Capacity: Property Rights, Taxation, and Politics" *American Economic Review* 99(4): 1218-1244.
- Besley, Timothy and Torsten Persson. 2010. "State Capacity, Conflict, and Development," *Econometrica* 78(1): 1-34.
- Doner, Richard and Bryan Ritchie and Dan Slater. 2005. "Systemic Vulnerability and the Origins of Developmental States: Northeast and Southeast Asia in Comparative Perspective," *International Organization* 59: 327-361.
- Evans, Peter. 1995. *Embedded Autonomy: States and Industrial Transformation*. Princeton University Press.
- Jackson, Robert and Carl Rosberg. 1986. "Sovereignty and Underdevelopment: Juridical Statehood in the African Crisis." *The Journal of Modern African Studies* 24(1), pp. 1-31.
- Jackson, Robert and Carl Rosberg. 1982. "Why Africa's Weak States Persist: The Empirical and Juridical in Statehood," *World Politics* 35(1): 1-24.
- Kohli, Atul. 2004. *State Directed Development*.

- Robinson, James. 2002. "States and Power in Africa by Jeffrey Herbst: A Review Essay" *Journal of Economic Literature* XL: 510-519.
- Sanchez de la Sierra, Raul. 2015. "On the Origins of States: Stationary Bandits and Taxation in Eastern Congo" (working paper).
- Scheve, Kenneth and David Stasavage. 2012. "Democracy, War, and Wealth: Lessons from Two Centuries of Inheritance Taxation," *American Political Science Review* 106(1): 81-102.
- Spruyt, Hendrik. 2002. "The Origins, Development, and Possible Decline of the Modern State," *Annual Review of Political Science* 5: 127-149.

Week 4 [Jan 30]: Democracy and development

- *Sen, Amartya. 1999. *Development as Freedom*. Chapters 6-7 (pp. 146-188).
- *Acemoglu, Daron and Suresh Naidu and Pascual Restrepo and James Robinson. 2014. "Democracy Does Cause Growth" *NBER Working Paper 20004*.
- *Olken, Ben. 2010. "Direct Democracy and Local Public Goods: Evidence from a Field Experiment in Indonesia," *American Political Science Review* 104(2): 243-267.
- [*Martinez-Bravo, Monica and Gerard Padro I Miquel and Nancy Qian and Yang Yao. 2014 \(July 16 draft\). "Political Reform in China: The Effect of Local Elections" \(working paper\).](#)
- *Bueno de Mesquita, Bruce and Alastair Smith and Randolph Silverson and James Morrow. 2005. *The Logic of Political Survival*. Chapters TBD.

RECOMMENDED

- Acemoglu, Daron and T. Reed and James Robinson. 2014. "Chiefs: Economic Development and Elite Control of Civil Society in Sierra Leone," *Journal of Political Economy* 122(2): 319-368.
- Acemoglu, Daron and James Robinson. 2006. "Economic Backwardness in Political Perspective," *American Political Science Review* 100(1): 115-131.
- Acemoglu, Daron and James Robinson and Thierry Verdier. 2004. "Kleptocracy and Divide-and-Rule: A Model of Personal Rule" *Alfred Marshall Lecture Journal of the European Economic Association* 2(2-3): 162-192.
- Boix, Carles and Milan Svoblik. 2013. "The Foundations of Limited Authoritarian Government: Institutions, Commitment, and Power-Sharing in Dictatorships," *The Journal of Politics* 75:300-316.
- **Replication:** Harding, Robin and David Stasavage. 2012. "What Democracy Does (And Doesn't Do) for Basic Services: School Fees, School Inputs, and African Elections" *Journal of Politics* 76(1): 229-245.

- Malesky, Edmund and Paul Schuler, and Anh Tran. 2012. "The Adverse Effects of Sunshine: A Field Experiment on Legislative Transparency in an Authoritarian Assembly," *American Political Science Review*, 106:762-786.
- Martinez-Bravo, Monica and Gerard Padro I Miquel and Nancy Qian and Yang Yao. 2011. "Do Local Elections in Non-Democracies Increase Accountability? Evidence from Rural China" *NBER Working Paper 16948*.
- Olson, Mancur. 1993. "Dictatorship, Democracy, and Development," *American Political Science Review*, 87:567-576.
- Padro-i-Miguel, Gerard. 2008. "The Control of Politicians in Divided Societies: The Politics of Fear," *Review of Economic Studies* 74(4): 1259-1274.
- Papaioannou, Elias and Gregorios Siourounis. 2008. "Democratisation and Growth" *The Economic Journal* 118: 1520-1551.
- Tsai, Lily. 2007. "Solidary Groups, Informal Accountability, and Local Public Goods Provision in Rural China," *American Political Science Review* 101(2): 355-372.

Week 5 [Feb 6]: Where does democracy come from?

- *Lipset, Seymour Martin. 1994. "The Social Requisites of Democracy Revisited: 1993 Presidential Address" *American Sociological Review* 59(1): 1-22.
- *Robinson, James A. 2006. "Economic Development and Democracy," *Annual Review of Political Science* 9: 503-527. See also Acemoglu, Daron and James Robinson. 2009. *Economic Origins of Dictatorship and Democracy*. Cambridge University Press, especially Chapter 1-4 (pp. 1-117).
- *Boix, Carles. 2011. "Democracy, Development, and the International System," *American Political Science Review* 105(4): 809-28.
- *Friedman, Willa, Michael Kremer, Edward Miguel, Rebecca Thornton. 2011. "Education as Liberation" No. w16939. *National Bureau of Economic Research*.

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- Boix, Carles. 2003. *Democracy and Redistribution*. Cambridge University Press.
- Acemoglu, Daron, Simon Johnson, James Robinson, and Pierre Yared. 2008. "Income and Democracy," *American Economic Review* 98(3): 808-842.
- Bruckner, M and Ciccone, A. 2011. "Rain and the Democratic Window of Opportunity," *Econometrica* 79(3): 923-947.
- Przeworski, Adam and Michael Alvarez and Jose Cheibub and Fernando Limongi. 2000. *Democracy and Development: Political Institutions and Well-Being in the World 1950-1990*. Cambridge University Press.
- Lipset, Seymour Martin. 1960/1981. *Political Man: The Social Bases of Politics*. Johns Hopkins University Press.

- Lipset, Seymour. 1959. "Some Social Prerequisites of Democracy: Economic Development and Political Legitimacy," *American Political Science Review* 53:69-105.
- Moore, Barrington. 1966. *Social Origins of Dictatorship and Democracy: Lord and Peasant in the Making of the Modern World*. Beacon Press.

Week 6 [Feb 13]: What is political failure?

- *Fearon, James. 1999. "Electoral Accountability and the Control of Politicians" in *Democracy, Accountability, and Representation* edited by Adam Przeworski, Susan Stokes and Bernard Manin. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1999. pp. 55-97.
- *Raghavendra, Chattopadhyay and Esther Duflo. 2004. "Women as Policymakers: Evidence from a Randomized Policy Experiment in India" *Econometrica* 72(5): 1409-1443.
- *Ferraz, Claudio and Fred Finan. 2008. "Exposing Corrupt Politicians: The Effects of Brazil's Publicly Released Audits on Electoral Outcomes" *Quarterly Journal of Economic* 123(2): 703-745.
- ***Replication**: Chong, Alberto, Ana de la O, Dean Karlan, and Leonard Wantchekon. 2015. "Does Corruption Information Inspire the Fight or Quash the Hope? A Field Experiment in Mexico on Voter Turnout, Choice, and Party Identification" *Journal of Politics* 77(1): 55-71.
- For an innovative approach to studying information and accountability, take a look at EGAP's Metaketa [here](#).

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- Banerjee, Abhijit et al. 2014. "Are Poor Voters Indifferent to Whether Elected Leaders are Criminal or Corrupt? A Vignette Experiment in Rural India," *Political Communications* 41: 391-407.
- Besley, Timothy. 2006. *Principled Agents? The Political Economy of Good Government*. Oxford University Press.
- Besley, Timothy and Stephen Coate. 1997. "An Economic Model of Representative Democracy," *The Quarterly Journal of Economics* 112(1): 85-114.
- Besley, Timothy and Robin Burgess. 2002. "The Political Economy of Government Responsiveness: Theory and Evidence from India" *Quarterly Journal of Economics* 117(4): 1415-1451.
- Besley, Timothy. 2005. "Political Selection," *The Journal of Economic Perspectives* 19(3): 43-60.
- Callen, Michael and James Long. 2015. "Institutional Corruption and Election Fraud: Evidence from a Field Experiment in Afghanistan," *American Economic Review* 105: 354-381.
- **Replication**: Gottlieb, Jessica. Forthcoming. "Greater Expectations: A Field Experiment to Improve Accountability in Mali" *American Journal of Political Science*.

- Humphreys, Macartan and Jeremy Weinstein. 2012. "Policing Politicians: Citizen Empowerment and Political Accountability in Uganda" (unpublished paper).
- Olken, Ben. 2007. "Monitoring Corruption: Evidence from a Field Experiment in Indonesia," *Journal of Political Economy* 115(2): 200-249.
- Pande, Rohini. 2011. "Can Informed Voters Enforce Better Governance? Experiments in Low-Income Democracies" *Annual Review of Economics* 3: 215-237.

Week 7 [Feb 20]: Ethnic Politics

- *Horowitz, Donald. 2000. *Ethnic Groups in Conflict*. University of California Press. Chapter 4 (pp. 141-184). (Chapter 1 is also helpful to skim).
- *Chandra, Kanchan. 2006. "What is Ethnic Identity and does it Matter?" *Annual Review of Political Science* 9: 397-424.
- *Posner, Dan. 2004. "The Political Salience of Cultural Difference: Why Chewas and Tumbukas are Allies in Zambia and Adversaries in Malawi," *American Political Science Review* 98(4): 529-545.
- *Miguel, Edward. 2004. "Tribe or Nation? Nation-building and Public Goods in Kenya versus Tanzania," *World Politics* 56: 327-362.
- Jeon, Sangick and Tim Johnson and Amanda Robinson. 2017. "Nationalism and Social Sanctioning Across Ethnic Lines: Experimental Evidence from the Kenya-Tanzania Border." *Journal of Experimental Political Science* 4: 1-20.

RECOMMENDED

- Baldwin, Kate, and John D. Huber. 2010. "Economic versus cultural differences: Forms of ethnic diversity and public goods provision." *American Political Science Review* 104.4: 644-662.
- Chandra, Kanchan. 2007. *Why Ethnic Parties Succeed*. Cambridge University Press.
- Chandra, Kanchan. 2007. *Why Ethnic Parties Succeed: Patronage and Ethnic Head Counts in India*. Cambridge University Press.
- Corstange, Daniel. 2013. "Ethnicity on the Sleeve and Class in the Heart" *British Journal of Political Science* 43(4): 889-914.
- Easterly, William and Ross Levine. 1997. "Africa's Growth Tragedy: Policies and Ethnic Divisions," *Quarterly Journal of Economics* 112(4): 1203-1223.
- Dunning, Thad and Lauren Harrison. 2010. "Cross-Cutting Cleavages and Ethnic Voting: An Experimental Study of Cousinage in Mali" *American Political Science Review* 104(1).
- Fearon, James and David Laitin. 1996. "Explaining Interethnic Cooperation," *American Political Science Review*, 90:715-735.
- Frank, Raphael and Ilia Rainer. 2012. "Does the Leader's Ethnicity Matter? Ethnic Favoritism, Education, and Health in Sub-Saharan Africa," *APSR* 106(2): 294-325.

- Goren. E. 2014. "How Ethnic Diversity Affects Economic Growth," *World Development* 59: 275-297.
- Habyarimana, James, Macartan Humphreys, Daniel Posner, and Jeremy Weinstein. 2007. "Why Does Ethnic Diversity Undermine Public Goods Provision?" *American Political Science Review* 101(4): 709-725.
- Kramon, Eric and Dan Posner. 2013. "Who Benefits from Distributive Politics? How the Outcomes One Studies Affect the Answer One Gets," *Perspectives on Politics* 11(2): 461-474.
- Miguel, Edward and Mary Kay Gugerty. 2005. "Ethnic Diversity, Social Sanctions, and Public Goods in Kenya," *Journal of Public Economics* 89(11-12): 2325-2368.
- Paluck, Elizabeth and Donald Green. 2009. "Prejudice Reduction: What Works? A Review and Assessment of Research and Practice," *Annual Review of Psychology* 60: 339-67.
- Posner, Dan. 2005. *Institutions and Ethnic Politics in Africa*. Cambridge University Press.
- Rainer, Francois and F. Trebbi. 2012. "How is Power Shared in Africa?" *Econometrica* 83(2): 465-503.
- **Replication:** Robinson, Amanda Lea. 2014. "National versus Ethnic Identification in Africa: Modernization, Colonial Legacy, and the Origins of Territorial Nationalism," *World Politics* 66(4): 709-746.
- **Replication.** Robinson, Amanda Lea. 2016. "Nationalism and Interethnic Trust: Experimental Evidence from an African Border Region," *Comparative Political Studies*.
- Tajfel, Henri. 1982. "Social Psychology of Intergroup Relations" *Annual Review of Psychology* 33:1-39.

Week 8 [Feb 27]: Clientelism

- *Kitschelt, Herbert and Steven Wilkinson. 2007. "Citizen-Politician Linkages: An Introduction," in *Patrons, Clients, and Policies: Patterns of Democratic Accountability and Political Competition* (ed. Herbert Kitschelt and Steven Wilkinson). Cambridge University Press.
- *Stokes, Susan and Thad Dunning, Marcelo Nazareno, and Valeria Brusco. 2013. *Brokers, Voters, and Clientelism: The Puzzle of Distributive Politics*. Cambridge University Press: Chapters 1 and 3 (*skim Chapters 2 and 6*).
- *Leonard Wantchekon. 2003. "Clientelism and Voting Behavior: Evidence from a Field Experiment in Benin," *World Politics*, 55:399-422.

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- Calvo, Ernesto, and Maria Victoria Murillo. 2004. "Who delivers? Partisan clients in the Argentine electoral market." *American Journal of Political Science* 48.4: 742-757.
- Cammett, Melani and Sukriti Issar. 2010. "Bricks and Mortar Clientelism: Sectarianism and the Logic of Welfare Allocation in Lebanon," *World Politics* 62(3): 381-421.
- De la O, Ana. 2013. "Do Conditional Cash Transfers Affect Electoral Behavior? Evidence from a Randomized Experiment in Mexico," *American Journal of Political Science* 57(1): 1-14.

- Fujiwara, Thomas and Leonard Wantchekon. 2013. "Can Informed Public Deliberation Overcome Clientelism? Experimental Evidence from Benin," *American Economic Journal: Applied Economics*. 5(4): 241-255.
- **Replication:** Gottlieb, Jessica. 2015. "Explaining Variation in Broker Strategies: A Lab-in-the-Field Experiment in Senegal," (working paper).
- Manzetti, Luigi and Carole Wilson. 2007. "Why Do Corrupt Governments Maintain Public Support?" *Comparative Political Studies* 40: 949-970.
- Nichter, Simeon. 2008. "Vote Buying or Turnout Buying? Machine Politics and the Secret Ballot," *American Political Science Review*, 102:19-31.
- Robinson, James and Thierry Verdier. 2013. "The Political Economy of Clientelism," *The Scandinavian Journal of Economics*, 115:260-291.
- Stokes, Susan. 2005. "Perverse Accountability: A Formal Model of Machine Politics with Evidence from Argentina," *American Political Science Review*, 99:315-325.

Week 9 [Mar 13]: Natural Resources

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